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REMARKS

The present Amendment and Response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-5, 7-12 and 14 are pending in the application. Claims 1-5, 8-12 and 14 have been rejected. Claims 5, 7 and 9-12 have been amended. Applicants assert that no new matter has been added.

Claims 1-4, 8 and 14 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 6 and 13 were previously cancelled. In making this cancellation without prejudice, Applicants reserve all rights in these claims to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

Objection to Claim 7/Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 7 but stated that claim 7 would be allowable if rewritten to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims

Claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, except for "having no ground plane", formerly in claim 3. All the currently pending claims now depend on claim 7.

Accordingly, claim 7 and the claims dependent thereon are allowable.

Drawing Objections

The drawings have been objected to under CFR 1.83(a), as the Examiner asserts drawings must show certain features of claim 8. Without addressing the appropriateness of this objection, claim 8 has been cancelled without prejudice. Therefore, this objection is now moot.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 3 has been cancelled without prejudice. Therefore, this rejection is now moot. Amended claim 7 now includes all limitations from claim 3 except "having no ground plane."

35 U.S.C. § 102/103 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 5, 9 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Kivekas et al (U.S. 2002/0180646). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of the remarks that follow.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as being anticipated by Popov et al (U.S. 6,879,287). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of the remarks that follow.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Kivekas et al. (cited above) in view of Kingsley et al. (U.S. 7,253,789).

Claims 1-4, 8 and 14 have been cancelled without prejudice and therefore the rejections to these claims are now moot.

As discussed above, amended claim 7 is allowable.

Claims 5 and 9-12 were amended to be dependent from claim 7. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and under 35 U.S.C. § 103 of claims 1-5, 8-12 and 14 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

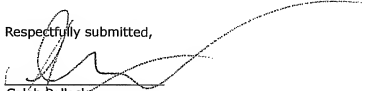
Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to

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advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this paper. However, if any such fees are due, please charge any fees associated with this paper to deposit account No. 50-3355.

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